(b) ©The information is as under:—

	November, 2006 to October, 2007	November, 2005 to October, 2006	November, 2004 to October, 2005
No. of Users	2100	1200	3100

(d) In view of answer to (b), the question does not arise.

Shatabdi like trains from Delhi to cities of Punjab

*138. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has plans to introduce Shatabdi like trains from Delhi to important cities of Patiala and Hoshiarpur in Punjab;

(b) if so, the the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that traffic from Delhi to Patiala and Hoshiarpur has increased during the last few years; and

(d) if so, whether any survey has been conducted on these sectors and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Census of occupancy of trains on these sectors is done twice in a year.

Import of wheat on higher rate

†*139. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has imported wheat at the rate of 325 dollar and 390 dollar per tonne instead of 263 dollar per tonne during the last few months;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government has wrongly estimated the said procurement; and

(d) if so, the authority to whom the responsibiliy of the said estimate was given alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) A tender was floated by the State Trading Corporation (STC) for import of 10 lakh tons of wheat on 30th April, 2007. The STC recommended

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.